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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INVOLUNTARY HOME DETENTION / ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This Board letter requests authority for the Sheriff and Probation Departments to serve as co-correctional administrators of the Home Detention/Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP). The EMP establishes a program under which inmates, juveniles and adults, serving probation by court order and those awaiting trial, who meet certain defined criteria, may be required to participate in an involuntary home detention program, including electronic monitoring, in lieu of confinement in the County jail or other County correctional facility or program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff and Probation Departments as co-correctional administrators of the EMP.
2. Authorize the Probation Department to continue in its current capacity as correctional administrator of EMP for adult and juvenile offenders on court-ordered probation, including the continued use of electronic monitoring devices for the purpose of carrying out this responsibility.

3. Pursuant to Senate Bill 959 (SB959), authorize the Sheriff Department to implement an EMP under which pre-sentenced and sentenced offenders, who meet certain defined criteria, may be required to participate in an involuntary or voluntary home detention program, which shall include electronic monitoring in lieu of confinement in the County jail or other County correctional facility or program.
4. Recommend \$2,970,000 in funding remain in the fiscal year (FY) 2008-09 Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget pending the final program outline and completion of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process by the Sheriff Department to solicit a vendor for electronic monitoring devices required for the EMP (Attachement I).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On December 11, 2007, the Board adopted a resolution to implement provisions of SB959, which authorizes the correctional administrator(s) to require involuntary home detention, including electronic monitoring, in lieu of confinement in the County jail or other County correctional facility. Subsequent to that action, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) requested each department to provide a written recommendation and funding requirements to implement the County's EMP.

The advantages of authorizing the Sheriff and Probation Departments to serve as co-correctional administrators are stated as follows:

Shared Advantages of a Co-Correctional Administrators EMP

- Authorizing the Sheriff and Probation Departments the roles as co-correctional administrators will eliminate redundancies in the inmate qualification process for EMP.
- The Sheriff Department's full operational control over release programs streamlines the communication between the Sheriff and Probation Departments over the processing of inmates.
- The Probation Department will have full centralized operational control of its juvenile home detention program, adult electronic monitoring program, global positioning system monitoring of adult probationers, and other electronic monitoring programs.
- The co-correctional administrators approach will allow the Sheriff Department to dedicate additional personnel to the detection of non-compliant inmates serving their sentence on electronic monitors.

Currently, the Probation Department notifies the Sheriff Department of non-compliance. The elimination of the notification process between Departments reduces the response time to recapturing and returning non-compliant inmates on electronic monitoring to County jail facilities.

The Probation Department will benefit from a larger number of Sheriff Department personnel dedicated to the non-compliance team to assist in tracking juvenile and adult probationers not in compliance of their probation.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action supports the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan, Goal 1: Service Excellence, by improving the correctional administrator's ability to better support the mandates of the criminal justice system by requiring greater numbers of convicted criminals to serve the sentence imposed on them, and Goal 8: Public Safety, releasing low-risk misdemeanor inmates on the EMP will provide increased bed space for high-risk felony inmates to serve a greater percentage of their sentence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Funding of \$2,970,000 has been placed in the FY 2008-09 PFU budget pending final program outline and completion of the RFP process by the Sheriff Department needed to support the implementation of the County EMP. The funds will be transferred to the Sheriff Department when the benchmarks have been met by the Sheriff Department as determined by the CEO (Attachment I).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On December 11, 2007, your Board adopted the legislation as set forth in SB959 and Penal Code Section 1203.017. The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Currently, an early release program and voluntary EMP managed by the Probation Department is in place to relieve overcrowded jail conditions. The ability to place a greater number of inmates on a home detention program via electronic monitoring will provide additional bed space for the more dangerous and violent felons to serve a greater percentage of their sentences.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer, Clerk of the Board return one adopted copy of the Board letter to the CEO. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer R. Doyle Campbell, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Fujioka", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Sheriff Department
Probation Department

Countywide Electronic Monitoring Program

Attachment I

CEO Funding Recommendation

<u>Staffing Category</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>S&EB</u>	<u>S&EB in PFU Account</u>
<i>Sworn Staff</i>			
Sergeant	1	\$164,000	\$82,000
Deputy Sheriff, Bonus I	2	\$274,000	\$137,000
Deputy Sheriff Generalist	4	\$504,000	\$252,000
Total	7	\$942,000	\$471,000
<i>Professional Staff</i>			
Compared to Probation Staff Numbers			
Custody Assistant, Sheriff	12	\$900,000	\$450,000
Custody Records Clerk II	3	\$179,000	\$90,000
Total Staff	15	\$1,079,000	\$540,000
Overtime		\$68,000	\$34,000
Total	22	\$2,089,000	\$1,045,000
<i>Other Costs Category</i>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
On-Going Services & Supplies	(at \$9,000 per new item)	\$198,000	\$99,000
One-Time Services & Supplies	(at \$6,000 per new item)	\$132,000	\$66,000
Hardware/Case Management		\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000
Fixed Assets - Black & Whites	(5 at \$52,000 each)	\$260,000	\$260,000
Total		\$3,590,000	\$1,925,000
Category Totals		<u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Staffing		\$2,089,000	\$1,045,000
Other Costs		\$3,590,000	\$1,925,000
Grand Total		\$5,679,000	\$2,970,000

(Based on 6 Months Salary Savings)